

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, immediately following the title "USE OF IL-18 BINDING PROTEIN IN INFLAMMATIONS," please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a U.S. National Phase Application pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 371 of International Application No. PCT/IL2004/001170, which was filed December 27, 2004, claiming benefit of priority of Israeli Patent Application No. 159670, which was filed December 31, 2003. The entire disclosure of each of the foregoing applications is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 42, immediately after claim 66, please insert a new page containing the following abstract of the application:

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to the combined use of an IL-1 antagonist/inhibitor and IL-18 binding protein in inflammatory diseases.